

Remarks/Arguments:

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Claims 14 and 23 as amended do not recite "valves". Claim 17 is hereby canceled. With respect to claim 24, applicants respectfully submit that the channel in the end plate is illustrated in Figure 3, as shown by the angled surface of the end plate 30 adjacent to the lead line for element 13. The specification explains such in the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 of the clean copy of the substitute specification. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these objections.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 14 and 18 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended address the examiner's concerns. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

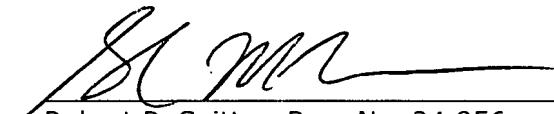
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18-20 and 25-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations of allowable claim 18 are incorporated into independent claim 14. The limitations of allowable claim 26 are incorporated into independent claim 23. Each of the remaining claims ultimately depends from independent claim 14 or independent claim 23.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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